

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were Matt Gilbertson, David Nordaune, Candice Jaenisch, and David Lieser. Commissioner Bill Pauling was absent.

Commissioner Gilbertson called the meeting to order and requested any changes to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May indicated CEO Brian Lovdahl and J&D Construction were unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Jaenisch moved, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Each Commissioner gave an update of meetings attended in June and July.

Commissioner Jaenisch moved, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

Approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular meeting

Approve contract with Little Thunderhawk Care

Approve amendments to the County’s Investment Policy

Accept Donation for the Sheriff’s Office

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.12 vendors receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are listed individually below:

Andrew Shimek & Kidrowski Enterprises, L	3,975.00
Brookside Senior Living	4,280.16
Cenex	4,567.22
Flint Hills Resources, Lp	15,426.90
Hillyard-Hutchinson	2,446.08
Klein McCarthy Architects	4,496.45
Len Minke & Bonnema Excavating	15,425.00
Mn Office Of IT Svc	6,693.25
Neogov	20,208.85
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	6,096.15
Prairie Five Rides Transportation	3,500.00
Southside Lumber	3,634.89
Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc.	14,950.00
Stantec Consulting Services Inc	2,035.16
Tostenson Inc	37,288.35
Van Heuveln General Contracting	9,427.80
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	23,411.74
Final Total:	\$177,863.00

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb updated the Board on the recommendation from DDA, Inc. to change the Grade for the Maintenance Supervisor to Grade 10. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve the hiring of the Maintenance Supervisor at Grade 10. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb provided additional updates to the Commissioners regarding road projects and repairs and building repairs.

Prairie Five representatives Deb Larson, Erik Hedman, and Laura Milbrandt and Family Services Director Lisa Schultz updated the Board on the search for a new facility to house the food shelf and kitchen service.

Family Services Director Lisa Schultz provide updated the Board on programs at Family Services and the resignation of Kelsey Sorenson. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to authorize the replacement of an Adult Protection Worker. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to provide an update on mental health services in the Jail. The Board reviewed a contract with Woodland Centers at a rate of \$1,174.35 per month to provide mental health services in the Jail. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the contract. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Upper Minnesota Regional Development Center Director Dawn Hegland and Melissa Streich presented an update on Prairie Waters, Revolving Loan Fund, and other initiatives.

Land Resource Director Scott Williams and the Board discussed the preliminary FEMA flood maps and concerns about the expanded Flood Zone A designations throughout Chippewa County. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to pass a resolution requesting FEMA to remove man-made and improved County drainage ditches from the flood maps and reject the preliminary changes until data can be verified. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May presented a request from the City of Watson to purchase tax-forfeited property 90-050-1920 to improve blight in the City. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to authorize the purchase by the City. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May presented a service agreement with the State of Minnesota to utilize the Revenue Recapture system with the Department of Revenue. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve the service agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed a quote for a new postage machine lease contract for 60 months with Dakota Mailing including electronic return receipt software subscription at a monthly cost of \$374.08. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the lease contract. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Michelle May
Aud/Treas & Clerk of the Board

/s/ Matt Gilbertson
Chairman of the Board

(Auditor's Seal)